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Sir,

Acting under the instructions of the Revolutionary Government of Cuba I have the honour to reproduce below the text of the Declaration made by our Prime Minister in face of the aggressions committed last night:

At 11.30 p.m. the coastal zone of the city of Havana was attacked by armed vessels that fired a number of shells of .20 calibre.

The attacking vessels, protected by the darkness of the night, approached to within about one kilometre of the coast and opened fire against the buildings in the first street of the Miramar Quarter. In that zone there are many hostels that shelter scholarship students, the buildings of the ICAP Hotel and the Chaplin Theatre, and a number of houses in which families with women and children are resident received many shots from armour-piercing and explosive bullets, thus endangering the lives of the residents.

It was a surprise attack and a treacherous manoeuvre and it illustrates the cowardice, the criminal mind and filibustering of its authors: the Government of the United States and its mercenary agents who are recruited and armed by that Government and operate with impunity from the coasts of Florida in complete contempt for the most elementary international laws and rules.

We hold the Government of the United States responsible for this new and cowardly attack on our country.

We denounce to the opinion of the world the plans of aggression which imperialism is preparing against Cuba. We warn the President of the United States that our people has adopted all the measures necessary to affront this danger.

U Thant  
Secretary-General  
United Nations

The Cuban Revolution that refused to bow to the economic blockade and to the repeated paramilitary actions and indirect attacks organized from the United States will be able to resist and throw back the direct attack also.

Fatherland or Death, we shall conquer.

(Signed) Dr. Fidel Castro Ruz  
Prime Minister of the Revolutionary Government

I have the honour to request that this communication be circulated among all States Members.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Gilberto Mediavilla de la Peña  
Head of the Permanent Mission of Cuba  
to the United Nations